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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 13, 1950, proposing the formation of an intelligence committee to support the interdepartmental organization called for under NSC-59.

As I wrote you on October 7, 1949, the Department of State recognizes that there will be need for interdepartmental consideration of the intelligence aspects of the Foreign Information Program and Planning for Overt Psychological Warfare, in respect both to the planning of intelligence organization and the production of supporting intelligence itself.

I am sure you realize that intelligence is only one of the several important aspects to be fitted together in the NSC-59 program. While anxious to cooperate with you on this matter, and to establish a sound basis for intelligence support of the NSC-59 program, the Department believes that it is premature to establish such a committee before NSC-59 has been approved, and before terms of reference for the committee can be worked out in relation to the NSC-59 organization.

The Director of the NSC-59 organization, whom, we understand, the intelligence sub-committee will support, will undoubtedly wish to discuss with you the terms of reference and membership of any such committee..

Sincerely,

(signed)
W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter,

Director of Central Intelligence

State Dept. review completed

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